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Monthly Magazines *being ſo conſtantly obliged as they are to the* Daily *Papers, ſurely the latter may be excuſed, if they ſometimes quote from the former: And therefore 'tis hop'd there needs no Apology for taking the following Diſcourſe, which is recommended to this Paper, from the laſt* Gentleman's Magazine.

MATTERS of very ſmall Conſequence in themſelves, are often made important by the Circumſtances that attend them. Little Follies and petty Weakneſſes, of no Moment in common Life, may, when they enter into the Characters of Men in high Stations, obſtruct the Happineſs of a great Part of Mankind. A barbarous Inſcription, or diſproportion'd Buſto, deſerves no Notice on Account of the Statuary who carved it, or the Writer who compoſed it; they were only the Follies in the Study or the Shop; but erected in a Temple, or engrav'd on a Column, they are conſider'd as publick Works, and cenſur'd as a Diſgrace to a Nation. For this Reaſon I have been highly offended with the trifling Diſtich upon Mr. Gay's Monument in *Weſtminſter-Abbey*.

Life is a Jeſt, and all Things ſhow it:
I thought ſo once, but now I know it.

I never heard when or where this wonderful Piece was compoſed, or to what happy Genius we are indebted for it: The miſerable Poetry of the firſt Line makes it unlikely that it could be a ſtudied Production, unleſs it were one of the firſt Efforts of a romantick Girl, or ſome dapper School-Boys Imitation of

Ἀγέλαι, καὶ παντάχοθι, καὶ πάντα τὸ μηδέν.

I might be indulged in making Conjectures upon this Queſtion of ſuch Weight, I ſhould conceive it might have been a druken Sally, which was perhaps made at Midnight, applauded as a lively Epigram, and would have preſerved its Reputation, had it, inſtead of being engrav'd on a Monument at *Weſtminſter*, been ſcribbled in its proper Place, the Window of a Brothel.

THERE are very different Species of Wit approved and applied to particular Perſons and Places; the Smartneſs of a Shoe-Boy, would not be extremely agreeable in a Chancellor, and a Tavern Joke ſounds but harſhly in a Church; from which it ought to be baniſh'd, for no other Reaſon, at leaſt for that which forbids a drunken Man to be introduced into ſober Company.

BUT, leaſt this Epigram ſhould have any ſecret Merit, which, tho' it has eſcaped the Obſervation of the Judgent and vulgar Readers, has intitled it to the Place I have found it in Poſſeſſion of, we will conſider it with a little more Attention than I fear we have diſcover it to deſerve

The Deſign of Epitaphs is rational and moral, being generally to celebrate the Virtues of the Dead, to excite and awaken the Reader to the Imitation of thoſe Excellencies which he ſees thus honoured and diſtinguiſhed, of which Kind almoſt every Seveal Monument affords us an Example.

THERE is another Kind, in which the Perſon interred, is repreſented as delivering ſome Precept to thoſe whom he has left behind him, or uttering ſome important Sentence ſuitable to his preſent State, from which the Reader is prepared to receive very ſtrong Impreſſions by the Silence and Solemnity of the Place where ſuch Inſcriptions are generally found, and by the ſerious and affecting Thoughts which naturally ariſe, at the Sight of the Receptacles of the Dead, upon the tranſitory and uncertain Nature of human Pleaſure, Vanity and Greatneſs. Of this Kind the moſt Ancient, and the beſt I have met with, was ordered (if I forget not) by the great *Seſoſtris*, and inſcribed on his Tomb

Εἰς ἐμὲ τὶς ὁραῶν εὐσεβὴς ἔσω.

Let every Man, who looks upon me, learn to be Pious.

ON this Monument, perhaps, no Man ever look'd without being, at leaſt for ſome time, wiſer and better, and doubtleſs, by ſo ſtriking an Inſtruction, the Libertine has been often check'd in the Height of his Debaucheries, and the Oppreſſor ſoftened in the midſt of his Tyranny. Perhaps, as long Life is often the Effect of Virtue, the Tomb of *Seſoſtris* may have more than repair'd the Ravages of his Arms. Of this latter kind is the important Diſtich we are conſidering. Mr. *Gay*, like the *Egyptian* King, calls upon us from the Habitations of the Dead; but in ſuch a Manner, and for ſuch Ends, as ſhews, what was anciently believed, that departed Souls ſtill preſerve the Characters they ſupported on Earth; and that the Author of the *Beggars Opera* is not yet on the Level with *Seſoſtris*. I cannot help thinking upon the Dialogue on this Occaſion between *Oedipus* and his *Jocaſta*;

Was Laius *us'd to Lye?*

Joc. *O no! the moſt ſincere, plain, honeſt Man; one that abhorr'd a Lye.*

Oed. *Then he has got that Quality in Hell.*

Dryden.

Mr. *Gay* has returned from the Regions of Death, not much improved in his Poetry, and very much corrupted in his Morals; for he is come back with a Lye in his Mouth, *Life is a Jeſt.*

MANKIND, with regard to their Notions of Futurity, are divided into two Parties: A very ſmall one, that believes, or pretends to believe, that the preſent is the only ſtate of Exiſtence; and another which acknowledges, that in ſome Life to come, Men will meet Rewards or Puniſhments according to their Behaviour in this World.

IN one of theſe Claſſes our Poet muſt be ranked: If he properly belong'd to the firſt, he might indeed think *Life a Jeſt*, and might live as if he thought ſo; but I muſt leave it to acuter Reaſoners to explain how he cou'd in that Caſe *know* it after Death, being for my part inclined to believe, that Knowledge ceaſes with Exiſtence.

IF he was of the latter Opinion, he muſt think *Life* more than a *Jeſt*, unleſs he thought *Eternity* a *Jeſt* too; and if theſe were his Sentiments, he is by this time moſt certainly undeceived. Theſe Lines therefore are impious in the Mouth of a Chriſtian, and Nonſenſe in that of an Atheiſt.

BUT whether we conſider them as ludicrous or wicked, they ought not to ſtand where they are at preſent; Buffoonery appears with a very ill Grace, and Impiety with much worſe in Temples and on Tombs. A childiſh Levity has of late infected our Converſation and Behaviour, but let it not make its Way into our Churches. ——Irreligion has corrupted the preſent Age; but let us not inſcribe it on Marble, to be the Ruin or Scorn of another Generation. Let us have ſome Regard to our Reputation amongſt Foreigners, who do not hold either Fools or Atheiſts in high Veneration, and will imagine that they can juſtify themſelves in terming us ſuch from our own Monuments. Let us therefore review our publick Edifices, and where Inſcriptions like this appear, ſpare our Poſterity the Trouble of eraſing them.

PAMPHILUS.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Nov. 14. Laſt Wedneſday Margaret Mullen was burnt, purſuant to her Sentence, for the Murder of Margaret Morgan. And John Smith of Holwich, in Lincolnſhire, a Soldier, of Col. Cornwallis's Regiment, and Capt. Speed's Company, was Executed, for the Robbery of a Man on the Road to Naas; from whom Jeremiah Trout and Edward Webſter, two Soldiers, in Company with Smith, took a Mare, his Cloaths, and 42 l. in Money. Trout and Webſter made off with the Mare and Money, leaving only the Cloaths with Smith, a poor ignorant Fellow, who was taken after two Days Ramble, at the Rope-Walk on George's Quay, with the Man's Cloaths on him. Alſo Lawrence Clerk was executed for Horſe-ſtealing. He denied the Fact.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Nov. 14. A Brigantine was lately caſt away near Zetland.

We learn from Falkirk, that on Monday the 7th, John Young in Denny, who had lately ſold a Piece of Land to one in Stirling, and received 1000 Merks of the Price, the whole being about 4000, on his ſeeing the new Proprietor on the Ground taking Inſeſtment, with a Multitude of Concurrents, went into the Houſe and hanged himſelf. The ſame Fellow, (the Time of Queen Anne's Wars) to prevent his being ſent to Flanders, cauſed his Mother to chop off one of his Hands at the Wriſt, with an Ax. He commonly went by the Name of *Handy Jock*.

Laſt Week the Right Hon. Thomas Earl Strathmore arrived here from South Britain.

Friday laſt the Lady of the Rev. Principal Wiſhart, was ſafely delivered of a Son and Heir to a very opulent Eſtate.

Laſt Sunday Morning three Nymphs of Pleaſure, (own Siſters) together with another young Girl, were apprehended at a Houſe of bad Repute in the College-wynd, and committed. At the ſame Time three or four of their Gallants, then in Company, were bound over.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Exon, Nov. 17. A private Centinel of Captain Edwards's Company belonging to Colonel Cornwallis's Regiment, which went lately from hence for Scotland, ſtealing a Horſe at Aberdeen and deſerting, Serjeant Vale of the ſame Company was ſent in Purſuit, and took him; but in bringing him to Dundee, the Serjeant having Occaſion to make Water, the Villain took the Opportunity, with a conceal'd Bayonet, to ſtab him twice through the Heart, of which Wounds he inſtantly died.

HOME PORTS.

Briſtol, Nov. 18. Arrived the Carthagena, Goatly, from Alicant.

Dartmouth, Nov. 17. The 15th came in the Betty, Rowe, of and from Biddeford for Rotterdam; and Yeſterday the St. Franciſco de Hageradi, for Amſterdam; and the Eagle, Hall, of and for Pool, both from Bilbao. Wind S.

Plymouth, Nov. 17. Came in the Sea Nymph, Parker, of and for London from Malaga; and the Mary, Le Craſs, of and for Jerſey from Southampton.

Southampton, Nov. 18. Arrived the King's Fiſher, Luce; the Elizabeth, Legrois, both from London for Jerſey; and the Endeavour, Mignot, from Alderney. Sailed the Succeſs, Luce, for Nants; and the Jane, Pitton, for Guernſey. Wind S.

Pool, Nov. 18. Came in the Ann and Mary, of and for this Port, Thompſon; and the Lydia, Baker, in 15 Days from Oporto.

Portſmouth, Nov. 19. Since my laſt, came in the Three Brothers, Oliver, from Bourdeaux; the Succeſs, Harwood, from Rhoan; and the Roſe Brig. Huxton, from Malaga. Yeſterday Morning at 11, the 5 following Ships of War ſailed into the Harbour, viz. the Princeſs Amelia, Capt. Hemmington; the Kent, Capt. Coleman; the Lenox, Capt. Main; the Elizabeth, Capt. Falkingham; and the Sunderland, Capt. Hook. Remain at Spithead the Princeſs Auguſta, the Shoreham and Durſley Men of War.

Deal, Nov 19. Wind S. by W. Remains in the Downs his Majeſty's Ship the Cheſter; with the Addiſon, Wadge, for Port Mahon; the Hannah, Pearſon, for Gibraltar; and the Samuel and James, Orrock, for New England. Arrived the Chriſtian, Philpot, from Leghorn; the Plaiſet, Man, from Faro; the Weſton's Adventure, Weſton, from Alicant; the Enterprize, Skinner, from ditto for Oſtend; and the Expedition, Pilland, from Falmouth for Middleburg.

Graveſend, Nov 19. Paſſed by the Duke of Leeds, Phillips, from Gallipoly; the Nancy, Tracey, from Santa Crux; the Duke Demar, Judgſon, from Boulogne; the Lilly, Townſhend, from Oporto; the Queen Eſther, Slade, from Lisbon; the Abraham, Legelote, from Caine; the 3 Brothers, Gutteridge, from Seville; the Endeavour, Land, from Newfoundland;

Newfoundland; the Algernoon, Burden, from Viana; the Houghton, Hancock; and the Santa Vievda, Verdon, from Malaga.

At Falmouth is arrived the Margaret, Spinks, from Gibraltar; and the ----, Berkenshaw, from the Canaries.

At Leostoff, is arrived the John and Mary, Bream, from Gottenburg for London.

LONDON.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from Holland, but it brought nothing more material than the News of the Death of the Primate of Poland, which happened on the 2d Instant at Warsaw, in the 76th Year of his Age; and the Conclusion of the Subsidy Treaty between France and Sweden on the 30th ult. according to which Treaty, the French Court is to remit 300,000 Rixdollars every Year to that of Sweden. The Name of the deceased Primate was Theodore Potochy. He was Archbishop of Guesna, and Brother to Count Potochy, Palatine of Kiow, and Great General of the Crown Army. The Memory of this Prelate will be famous in the History of Poland. He had a Share in the most important Transactions, not only during the last Years of the Reign of King Augustus the Second, but in those which followed the Death of that Prince, and wherein all Europe was concerned; and in those Occasions he discover'd a Genius capable of undertaking and supporting the greatest Projects. The French King, to shew his Esteem for him, lately gave him a considerable Abbey.

The Letters from Mentz say, that on the 6th Instant O. S. the Elector Palatine had the greatest hunting Match in the Forest of Neckerau, that has been known along time: It being very fair Weather, several Princes, Counts, Barons, and other Persons of Distinction, came to share in the Diversion; so that 'twas computed there were above 400 Carriages from Franckfort, Strasbourg, Spires, Worms, Heidelberg, &c. and there were killed 400 Wild Boars, 350 Foxes, 370 Hares, besides a great deal of other Game.

Those from Naples take Notice of the various Reports about the Baron de Neuhoff; of which they think this the most probable, viz. That the Baron, who is actually in that City, went ashore in the Night time, and repaired in disguise to the House of the Dutch Consul Mynheer Lerberg, who having received previous Instructions about him, and being not satisfy'd with what he said for himself, obtain'd an Order from Court for arresting the Master of the Ship that brought him, and the Commanders of the other two Vessels. They add, that his Reason for securing the latter was, because they carried Dutch Colours, without having any Commission for it from the Republick, and in order to shew a Regard for the Interest which the French Court takes in the Affairs of Corsica: And that he arrested the former for not landing his Cargo at Corsica, as he had contracted. Some Advices hint, that the Baron is escaped to Rome. They write from thence, that a Project is on Foot for uniting the Archbishoprick of Montreal, which is in Possession of Cardinal Cienfuegos, to the Archbishoprick of Toledo, which belongs to the Cardinal Infante of Spain.

Some private Letters from the Ukraine say, that the Velt Marshal de Munich has received Orders from the Court of Russia for abandoning Oczakow.

There have been great Rejoicings both at Brunswick and Wolfembuttle for the Birth of a Prince, of whom the Dutchess was delivered on the 1st Inst.

They write from Paris, that Monsieur Vandervort, one of the most noted Bankers of that City, died there the 8th Instant, aged 103; and that one D'Acosta, a Portugueze Jew, is committed Prisoner to Fort l'Evesque, for Debts to the Value of above 4000 Livres, who pretends to be related to Messieurs D'Acosta and Suasso at London and the Hague.

The Sale of the India Company's Goods at Port l'Orient amounts to 25 Millions of Livres.

The Count de la Mark, the French Ambassador to the Court of Spain, arrived there with his Son on the 20th ult.

Yesterday Orders were issued out from the Lord Chamberlain's Office to all Peers, Peeresses, and Privy Counsellors, that the Court goes out of Mourning on Sunday next for the Death of the late Queen.

Yesterday the Right Rev. Dr. Thomas Gooch took the Oaths in the High Court of Chancery, to qualify himself as Bishop of Norwich, in the room of Dr. Butts, lately translated to the See of Ely.

On Sunday last was committed to the New Gaol, Southwark, by Sir John Lade, Bart. Newbury Ledger, for breaking the Houses of Richard Yeates and William Merritt, and stealing thereout several Things of Value, which were found on him.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Townshend, lately arrived from France, waited on his Majesty at St. James's, and met with a gracious Reception.

The Hon. Colonel Howard is to hold his Government of Carlisle with his Regiment of Foot.

Next Week John Morley Trevor of Glyn Stanmer in Sussex, Esq; is to be married to the Lady Lucy Stanhope, Sister to the Right Hon. the Earl Stanhope.

The Rev. Mr. Turner, M. A. is presented by Sir William Gage, Bart. to the Vicarage of Maresfield in the County of Sussex, void by the Death of the Rev. Mr. Lloyd.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Lord Nassau Powlett lay very dangerously ill at his House in Dover-street.

Last Sunday Evening Mr. Herbert, going from London to Kensington, was attacked near the Halfway House by two Foot-Pads, who robbed him of a Silver Watch, his Cane, and some Silver, then push'd him into the Ditch, and made off towards Knightsbridge.

Yesterday Morning several Waggons going the Oxford Road from London, was robbed by Foot-Pads between Tyburn and Kensington Gravel Pits.

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